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Parliament and the Banks

The Moral Responsibility of the Government

By J. T. SHAW, M.P.

For years past the Canadian public has been urged into the belief that our branch bank system is the best in the world; that it is the system best suited to our special conditions in Canada; that it adequately meets every legitimate credit requirement and that its distinguishing characteristic is the safety which it affords to depositors, shareholders and creditors alike.

DISCONCERTING DISCLOSURES, AND HOME BANK TRAGEDY

Despite these oft-repeated and pleasing assurances the public have during the last two years been startled by a number of disconcerting disclosures. The Merchants Bank, with a long and honorable history, suddenly collapsed and the complete story of its passing out remains, as yet, untold. Within the last few months two banks have found it necessary to considerably deplete their accumulated reserves in order to provide for long standing losses. The Home Bank, after a long era of reckless speculation, known only to its Directors and the Finance Department, crashed into insolvency causing untold suffering and privation to thousands of citizens who had entrusted their savings to it, not to mention the loss suffered by numerous organizations and communities. This tragedy was followed by the absorption of the Bank of Hamilton by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, a merger apparently to prevent impending insolvency, but which had the effect of raising the market value of each share of the first mentioned bank by about \$32.

These arresting disclosures have attracted the serious attention of the Canadian public to the banking and credit problems of this country.

The nation's banking and credit facilities have been largely entrusted by Parliament to banking corporations. These corporations have been given large and monopolistic powers. They are organized in accordance with and are subject to the regulations of Parliament as laid down in the Bank Act. This act which gives not only power but life to the banks is revised by Parliament every ten years. Heretofore such revisions have been merely cursory. Members of Parliament have usually shared the public view that banking is an intricate and complex subject and much too involved for any analysis by ordinary minds.

As a result only such changes have been made from time to time as have been requested by or secured the approval of the banking fraternity.

The Bank Act was given its biennial revision at the last session of the Federal Parliament. A determined effort was made by a few members to secure something more than the mere cursory discussion which characterized previous revisions. These members did not expect that any substantial changes would be made at once, as changes, no matter how desirable, come slowly and in the great majority of cases only when urgently necessary. It was felt however that some effort should be made to direct public attention to these problems and thereby serve the long future. This effort had three main objects in view.

EFFORT TO SECURE FULL INQUIRY

Firstly, to ascertain the basis, function and control of credit and its relation to industry. A resolution with this purpose in view was introduced into the House by William

Irvine, M.P., and referred to the Banking Committee. Much striking evidence was heard on this phase but further investigation being found necessary the Committee recommended that the work be continued next session. This recommendation was approved by Parliament.

Secondly, an effort was made both in the Committee and on the floor of Parliament to secure a thorough investigation into the Merchants Bank collapse. It was confidently hoped that an enquiry into that matter would disclose the weaknesses and defects in the Bank Act and in addition would reveal the hidden influences making for the manipulation and control of our credit institutions. The claim for investigation was ignored not only by the Committee but later by Parliament. The majority of the members apparently adopted the argument of the Finance Minister that as a result of the criminal prosecutions all the material facts surrounding the bank's downfall were known and in any event such an enquiry as proposed might subject the lately acquitted officials of the Merchants Bank to further criminal prosecution.

PARLIAMENT CANNOT BE ABSOLVED

Such arguments have little merit as a moment's reflection will indicate. The evidence adduced in the criminal proceedings against the president and general manager was, in accordance with our law, necessarily restricted to the charges laid of knowingly making false returns to the Finance Department. Any evidence irrelevant to that issue was not only not admissible but was not admitted on the trials. It is therefore apparent that such criminal proceedings, so limited in scope, could not possibly result in an adequate disclosure of those defects in the Bank Act which permitted a loss of ten million dollars to be suffered by the Merchants Bank. Nor yet could any such enquiry as that proposed, imperil the safety of the acquitted bank officials. Our law affords ample safeguards against any such procedure. Feeble arguments of this character will not absolve Parliament of its responsibility to the public.

Lastly, numerous practical and carefully considered amendments were proposed designed to safeguard depositors. One proposal was to appoint a permanent Government auditor, clothing him with wide supervisory powers over banks and bank auditors, with the right to demand and secure further returns and empowered, when considered necessary or desirable, to make an independent audit of a bank or of any of its branches. At the present time the Finance Department receives the monthly bank returns, totals the figures and publishes the whole in the Canada Gazette. The proposed amendment substitutes the safeguard of a constant and alert vigilance by a permanent and qualified Government official for the mere adding machine method now followed by the Finance Department. Under such a plan the weakness of a bank would likely come to light in ample time before insolvency, so that effective steps could be taken to ensure the safety of the public. Today the Finance Department is helpless except to act as a bank undertaker. To this demand for a modified system of Government inspection, it was answered that the adoption of such a plan would impose a moral responsibility on the Government to pay any losses that might arise from a bank failure. One would infer from this argument that the

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Oppose Increase in Express Rates

U.P.A. Position is Laid Before Railway Commission.

Opposing the application of the express companies for increased rates, and contending that in the interest of primary producers and of the public as a whole, a substantial reduction is desirable and obtainable, H. E. G. H. Scholefield, vice-president of the U. P. A., appeared before the Railway Commission in Calgary on December 8th, in behalf of the Association.

In view of the fact that the population of Alberta is from 75 to 76 per cent. agricultural, Mr. Scholefield pointed out any increase in express rates would be a more serious blow to the farmers than to any other class. They would suffer less both as producers and as consumers. Mr. Scholefield stated that the U. P. A. Convention had always gone on record in opposition to any increase in transportation charges. Settlement of farming districts throughout Canada was being retarded by high transportation charges.

In answer to a question by J. W. Ward, secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, Mr. Scholefield said that a few days prior to the sitting he shipped 25 head of live chickens from Crossfield to Calgary, paying \$3.10 in express charges. He received only \$12.75 for the poultry, which, after deducting express charges, worked out at 24 1/2 cents per head.

At present rates, said the witness, it cost a farmer 15 cents to ship twelve dozen crates of eggs from Crossfield to Calgary, irrespective of the price the farmer received. In the fall laying season the price fell so low as 15 cents a dozen.

P. H. Phipps, representing the Dominion Express Company, remarked that a farmer could ship a fifty dozen crate of eggs from Crossfield to Calgary for two cents a dozen, to which Mr. Scholefield replied, "Can you give me the name of a farmer in our district who has enough eggs to ship them in fifty dozen case lots?"

The witness claimed that turkeys could not be raised under 20 cents. At the price of 14 cents at which they had been sold, they were a dead loss. Any increase in rates would drive out this branch of the farming industry, insofar as his district was concerned.

LONG TERM LOAN DEPARTMENT

The Provincial Government is requested, by a resolution passed by the Douglas Local, to establish a system of long term loans, on the New Zealand plan, and to pass legislation making it illegal for loan companies, banks or individuals to charge more than 6 per cent. interest on farm mortgages. Other resolutions passed by Douglas Local ask for a commission to enquire into the cost of producing necessities of life, and for the revaluation of soldiers' settlement lands, the loss sustained by the Government to be made good by a special graduated income tax on incomes of \$5,000 per year or more.

Ingleton Local passed a resolution heartily endorsing the fruit growers' association of British Columbia, and recommending that members purchase fruit shipped by them, exclusively.

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EDITORIAL

MR. DAVIDSON

The report is widely current that W. M. Davidson, Independent member for Calgary in the Provincial Legislature, is an aspirant to the position of leader of the Liberal party in Alberta. This rumor had its genesis shortly after the visit to Calgary of Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Hon. Charles Stewart, and is now so general that Mr. Davidson himself should repudiate it publicly.

For our own part, we refuse to attach credence to this damaging report. It is true that an impartial observer would find it difficult to reconcile the character of the Albertan's recent political contents with the platform of strict Independence upon which Mr. Davidson appealed to the electors in January, and upon which he was elected, and it is also true that during recent weeks political criticism in the columns of the Albertan has been almost entirely destructive. But we have too firm a belief in Mr. Davidson's sense of responsibility to his constituents to credit the theory upon which the current rumor is based, the theory, that is, that he could be capable of contemplating, even for a moment, so complete a betrayal of the principles he was elected to maintain as this report would indicate.

Mr. Davidson burnt his bridges when he severed all connection with the political parties during the Calgary by-election. No citizen of Alberta has inveighed more powerfully against these parties or presented the case for Independence more effectively than he did then. He was confronted in Calgary by a coalition of the two party machines, and these machines were beaten because the Independent and Labor voters of the city of Calgary and of the rural areas in the constituency placed implicit faith in the genuineness of Mr. Davidson's Independence.

He was elected because the people were convinced that he had made a definite and permanent breach with the party machines, and with all that they represent. It was Mr. Davidson's own unequivocal repudiation of the parties, and his exposure of their character, that steered the will of the electors to destroy partyism and all its works.

The electors who supported him in the spring will not easily be persuaded that Mr. Davidson would consent in the fall to betray the trust they confided in him, or to use "Independence" as a stalking horse for the Liberal party, or as a pawn lightly to be pledged away in bargaining with the

tattered remnants of the party in Alberta for the high privilege of leading them.

We mention this report because it to today is freely discussed in all parts of the Province that it calls for a definite repudiation. We trust that in the interests of the constituents who placed their faith in him when they elected him to the Assembly in opposition to the parties which he was fighting, Mr. Davidson himself will give a speedy, emphatic and complete denial of rumors so damaging to his political reputation.

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J. B. Boyle declares that there is too much legislation on the statute books of Alberta, and that if ever he were given another chance he would spend a whole session revising the laws and "repealing a great deal of useless legislation."

As Mr. Boyle was Attorney General of the Province when the greater part of the legislation on the statute books was passed, the people of Alberta will appreciate his frankness. The U.F.A. Government has doubtless been able to confirm by experience, Mr. Boyle's opinion upon the uselessness of most of Mr. Boyle's legislation. It will be remembered that a great part of the first session of the Legislature after the elections of 1921, had to be devoted to the revision of defective statutes.

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Mr. Boyle wants a whole session of the legislature to be devoted to the revising of laws and the repealing of useless legislation, passed by former Liberal Governments. The cost of holding a regular session of the Assembly is approximately \$200,000. This, according to Mr. Boyle, is the price which the people would be called upon to pay to rectify his mistakes and those of his colleagues.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODE

In the issue of December 1st, "The U.F.A." discussed the deliberately unfair campaign carried on in a large section of the press of Alberta against the U.F.A. Government at Edmonton. No sooner had this paper reached the hands of the public than the correspondent of the Canadian Press, Ltd., who is responsible for the night news service from Calgary to all the daily papers in Canada, supplied the public with a classic instance of the deliberate perversion of news.

In a despatch quoting "The U.F.A." editorial, the condemnation of the party press campaign was omitted; every reference to the tasks with which the Government is grappling, and to the efforts they are making to obtain efficiency in the public service where formerly there has been waste; every word of the appeal for a united front of the farmers in the face of a common enemy. "Played up" in some newspapers under headings from two to six columns in length such as "Greenfield Government is Attacked by U.F.A.," the despatch quoted only the three or four sentences in which attention was called to the desirability of closer contact being established between the Government and the people.

Separated from the paragraph in which they appeared, and from the introduction and conclusion of the article, these sentences were deliberately misleading. They formed the text of editorial sermons in the party press, setting forth that there was a serious division in the farmers' ranks, prophesying the break-up of the United Farmers of Alberta, and pointing the moral that the time had come for a revival of the old political parties.

The Canadian Press despatch was published in daily papers from coast to coast, and though Premier Greenfield, in an interview, condemned the perversion, and this interview was also telegraphed to the daily papers, the despatch was used, for the most part, on inside pages, and under inconspicuous headlines. False reports, when they have been

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The Hee Haw and the War Whoop

By WILLIAM IRVING, M.P.

The two old mules, Grit and Tory, that have drawn the plow through the fertile political fields of Alberta since we emerged from the North West Territories, have been heading for the home yard ever since the election of 1921.

The general belief was that both had died, but the recent activities of Woods of the Calgary Herald and J. R. Boyle of Edmonton would indicate that there is a "Hee-Haw" left in the old party mules yet. It would appear that both mules were badly fondered after the last campaign, but have been stabled and attended with great care, "Tory" being under the care of Hon. Dr. Toimale, and "Grit" administered to by the venerable Dr. Egbert and his head stableman, J. E. Varley. Under the voluminous prescriptions of these two gentlemen, the two animals aforesaid have survived and are said at the moment to be feeling their oats; however, there has been more "Hee-Haw" than success thus far.

J. R. Boyle has been fostering ever since the election of 1921, and he broke out at Lacombe recently.

take that salary, but, forsooth, because of "Liberal principles." No wonder that J. R. likes "Liberal principles." They promise to be extremely liberal with him.



The two leaders, one of the old and the other of the new Liberalism, stand by the tomb of Liberal principles.

The two leaders—one of the old and the other of the new Liberalism—stand by the tomb of Liberal principles, calling in loud voices on the dead to rise, but because of division of faith have met with no success. Davidson of the Morning Albertan, in beseeching the corpse to come forth in the name of a new Liberalism, but this appeal being far beyond understanding the dead sleep on, while J. R. Boyle performs the diabolic incantation in a vain effort to resurrect. The only response so far from the grave in which rest the remains of Liberal principles, is the voice of history which cries loudly, "Behold, it stinketh."

Dr. Egbert Operates

Dr. Egbert has taken no part in the attempted resurrection. He is convinced that a party without principles is better off than a party with principles, so why unearth a hindrance?

This is the age of electricity, radio, insulin, New Liberalism, and thyroid glands. The latter is of startling interest. Doctors have discovered that it is possible to renew youth in old age by cutting a gland from an ape and planting it in the neck of a man. The transformation is as swift as it is wonderful. No sooner has the monkey gland taken root in an octogenarian thyroid, than hair grows on his bald head, creases of age vanish, the blush of boyhood returns, and the ancient of days renews his youth and begins once more to smile at the ladies.

Strange as it may seem it was thyroid glands that held up the Liberal party convention. It had to be held up pending the arrival of a thyroid gland extracted from a monkey in central Africa. But the said gland has now arrived, and the stalwart Dr. Egbert of Calgary appeared upon the scene with a thyroid gland in the one hand and his operating knife in the other, in a last effort to renew the youth of the faithful old party. There is a good deal of method

in the veteran doctor's madness, for, as he says, "The party has been too much of an ass in the past but with a new monkey gland it may be able to do some monkey business."

The Conservative Round-up

The Conservative party, alias Woods of the Calgary Herald, decided to institute a "round-up" of Conservatives, and called it a "drive." His desire was to bring together enough of the tribe to make a pot-throw at the celebration of his leadership. The only other known Conservative was R. B. Bennett, but he and Woods could with difficulty be stalled together.

The "drive" began rather ostentatiously several weeks ago. Advertising was done extensively with rewards offered for Conservatives. This brought no response; the "drive" degenerated into a man-hunt.

The detective force of the Province was at last enlisted in the spectacular search, and its members hunted every nook and cranny with a warrant to arrest any one or thing that looked like a Tory, and to bring such to the headquarters at once. The detectives were provided with finger prints of a caveman and a copy of Sherlock Holmes, and were instructed to question even unto the third degree any person suspected of the crime of Toryism.

The questions asked by the detectives who began operations in the cities were simple, to the point, and few in number. Question No. 1 was: "Do you believe there has been any change in the world since Noah built the ark?" If the one questioned says "No!" the detective is encouraged to ask the second question, which is: "Do you believe the protection policy applied by Noah to keep the people out of the ark was a good thing for the people so protected against getting into the ark?" If the answer to this is "Yes", the patient is given the pass word and brought at once to kiss the toe of Woods of the Herald, who is the Conservative party "in toto", the leader of the Conservative party and the humble and continuous aspirant to the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, or is the alternative the Canadian Senate.

So far only one Conservative has been



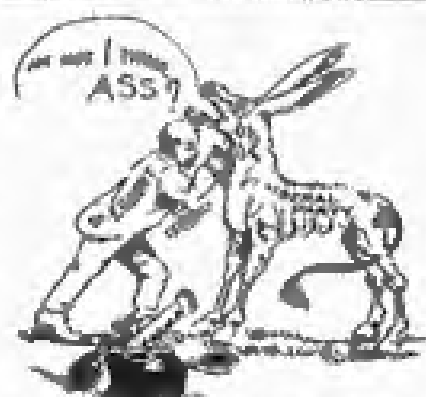
There is a "Hee-Haw" left in the old party mules yet.

The subject of J. R.'s discourse was "The Principles of Liberalism." Thoughtless of the facts that there are no Liberals, and that such as were in this Province never had any principles, he walked into a trap which disproved most effectively the things he wanted most to establish.

Exemplifying Liberal Principles

The leader of the opposition in the Legislature is a walking paragon of Liberal principles, and far outshines any elaboration of arguments that he has ever been able to make on this elusive and highly chimerical theme. He exemplifies the latest Liberal principle in his promised elevation to the judge's bench. Just why is J. R. to be a judge? If it were left to the sitting judges of Alberta to decide, it is a safe guess that he would not be made one; if the Alberta Law Society were asked, it is pretty certain that they could find a more dignified and abler student of law to occupy the highest legal pinnacle; and if it were left to the people of Alberta to decide by vote he would just get one vote—that of J. R. Boyle, K.C.

But he is to be made a judge, not because he proved himself a Solomon in any of his political exploits, not because of any outstanding ability he has shown as a lawyer, not because there are not much abler men than he in Alberta to



Now comes Dr. Egbert, with his operating knife in one hand and a thyroid gland in the other, as a last resort in the attempt to renew the youth of the Liberal mule.

discovered in this "search drive". He was found in the mountains and "driven" to headquarters. This wild creature of the hills, unable to read or write, had left home when a boy and remembered his father saying that he was a Conservative, so felt that he must be what his father was. On seeing a belt line car approaching, this remnant of Toryism took fright, but on being recaptured was welcomed as a prodigal to the fold of the past.

— The "People's Party"

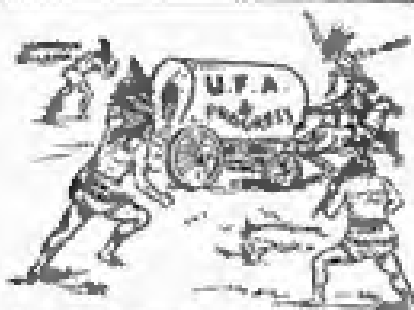
Finding the drive for Conservatives unsuccessful, Woods conceived the idea that a few strays from the fold of progress might be enticed into the Tory ranks by the adoption of a new name, and the magic words "People's Party".



So far, only one Conservative has been discovered in this "search drive."

are now being rumbled by the Tory southwayer. This is the name of the famous German party of Herr Stinnes, the party of the industrial and financial reactionaries and overlords of Germany, and in consequence has a pleasing sound in the ears of the Alberta reactionaries. **War Dance Around Schooner of Progress**

Strange as it may seem, the savage remnants of both old parties have formed an alliance, and are now performing a war dance around the prairie schooner of progress. Both parties are naked of policy save a single cloth from the rag bag of prehistoric politics. The hoe hew of the one and the war whoop of the other, coupled with a desire to scalp the U. F. A., are the stock-in-trade of these aspirants.



Reveries of partyism join in a savage war dance around the prairie schooner of progress, naked of policy save a single cloth from the rag-bag of pre-historic politics.

The first thing to be done is to break up the U. F. A., and when the members have been scattered helter skelter over the prairie the party hoelers will appear upon the scene and round them up as was done prior to the coming of the U. F. A.

Farmers Alone Can Revive Partyism

The whole question is—will the Alberta farmers fall into the trap of the old parties again? It must not be forgotten

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Slanderous Attack, Siren Flattery and Crocodile Tears

Press Which Is Building on Downfall of Farmers' Movement Will Find the Foundation of Their Attack Is Laid on Sand—"Watch Our Smoker" in Acadia

Editor, "The U. F. A."

No loyal member of the U. F. A. can read the daily press without being conscious of an ever-present undercurrent of jubilation on account of the seemingly low ebb in the affairs of our organization. Some papers hand it out straight with blatant "I told you so," while others hypocritically proffer sympathy and shed great crocodile tears at the thought of what will happen the Province should the U. F. A. consume, the wish, we venture to presume, being father to the thought.

Well Engineered Campaign

That this should cause those of us out on the firing-line any alarm is inconceivable. All words and actions are motivated by some ruling passion, and an analysis of the press items from day to day makes it very evident that there is a determined and well engineered attempt being made to discredit the U. F. A. political venture and resuscitate in this Province Old Man Partyism.

The very eagerness of the press in this regard is having a sobering effect on even the "kickers" in our organization, and in our district (Acadia) a serious effort is being made to counter industrious propaganda. We invite all other U. F. A. constituencies to "watch our smoker" in the next few weeks, and I feel confident that the returns from our part of the world between now and January 1st, won't give the Alberta press any great reason for rejoicing.

Slanderous Attack and Siren Flattery

We are so confident ourselves that we can't understand why there should be any doubters in the ranks. But should there be, is it not well to ask if our farm people who, after persistent effort succeeded in breaking the shackles that bound them to irresponsible representation, and took—falteringly it may have been—the high road to truly representative government, be driven by slanderous attack or lured by siren flattery, back to the abyss from whence they have escaped? Did 200 years of partyism give to the producer the equivalent of the product of his toil? Will it do that for us now? Or if it was true that when we took the step out into the high road we took it because of the faith we had in our own ability to work out our own salvation, is it not still true that by keeping to the high road now is our only chance of making that salvation manifest?

Partyism's Accomplishment

Old Man Partyism ruled this Province since its inception in 1865, and in the year 1925 the wheat producers decided to co-operate in an effort to market their product in a sane, orderly and systematic manner. Is it a feather in the cap of Partyism, that when this course was decided upon, it took days of microscopic scrutiny to find on the statute books legislation which would enable producers to market their own products? And what slight legislation there was in that regard had been put on the books in response to the persistent effort of the U. F. A. in former years.

The salvation of the farmer will be

brought about only through loyalty to his own institutions, and not through any machinery imposed upon him from invisible sources. While their own organization remains in the massed control of the farmers themselves, it will be possible to rectify mistakes and carry out whatever changes may be necessary to suit the occasion. But let the control once pass out of their hands and revert to Privilege and its political satellites, and the cause of Progress will be set back one hundred years.

Learning to Co-operate

Nevertheless, Mr. Editor, I repeat that there is no cause for alarm. Our people are learning as sure as day how to co-operate. And if the servile press of our great Province are sincerely building upon the downfall of our movement, they will awaken one day in the storm of contest to find their foundation laid on sand.

J. P. WATSON,
Chinook.

Pool Elevators Now Number Forty-Six

Pool Management Hope to Have All Elevators Under Contract Shortly

At the date of going to press the following 46 elevator owners have signed the contract to handle Pool wheat:

Alberta Pacific Grain Company, Ltd., Blakes Brothers, Boika Farmers' Elevator Company, Ltd., Canada West Grain Company, Chester Phillips, D. R. Davis Grain Company, Ellison Milling & Grain Company, Ltd., Fraser Grain Company, Ltd., Gillespie Grain Company, Ltd., Gledhill Farmers' Elevator Co., Ltd., Hallkirk Farmers' Elevator Co., Ltd., Independent Grain Company, Ltd., J. E. Seymour & Company, J. B. McGee, J. H. Quinn, J. H. Speers & Company, Ltd., McLaughlin Elevator Company, Northern Grain Company, Ltd., N. Bawf Grain Company, Ltd., Ogilvie Milling Company, Ltd., Pioneer Grain Company, Ltd., Robin Hood Flour Mills, Ltd., Tees Farmers' Elevator Co. of Castor, Ltd., Terwilliger Grain Company, Ltd., Topper Grain Company, Ltd., United Grain Growers, Ltd., U. F. Elevator Co. of Castor, Ltd., Wolfe Elevator Company, Ltd., Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd., Parrish & Heimbecker, Quaker Oats Company, E. A. Mantr, Hilda, Midland Grain Company, Ltd., Home Grain Company, Ltd., Richardson, James & Sons, Ltd., Liberty Grain Company, Ltd., North Star Grain Company, Ltd., Victoria Elevator Company, Ltd., Crescent Elevator Company, Ltd., Canada West Grain Company, Ltd., Security Elevator Company, Saskatchewan Elevator Company, Brooks Elevator Company, British America Elevator Company, National Elevator Company.

This leaves very few elevators not under contract but the Pool management hopes that in a short time all elevators in Alberta will be operating under contract.

News of the Organization

Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Deficit Fund Shows Marked Increase

Renewed Response to Appeal of Last Annual Convention.

Since the last issue of "The U. F. A." went to press, the following contributions to the Deficit Fund have been received:

Ardmore U. F. A., 772	15.00
George Cotton, Cowley	5.00
Alta U. F. W. A., 1	10.00
Reliance U. F. A., 308	2.00
E. Lethbridge Jan., 121	5.00
Wingville U. F. A., 1990	4.00
Cochrane U. F. A., 532	3.00
Soda Lake and Hairy Hill U. F. A., 1017	5.00
Glenmore U. F. A., 312	12.00
E. Lethbridge U.F.W.A., 346	25.00
Empire U.F.A., 1037	5.00
Previously acknowledged	\$2,188.65

\$2,203.65

The total of \$2,203.65 represents contributions made by U. F. A., U. F. W. A. and Junior Locals, District and Constituency Associations, to the Provincial organization, in response to the appeal made by the last Annual Convention, when the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the extraordinary efforts put forward by this organization in the year 1933 created a financial deficit, which still exists and seriously hinders our work; and,

"Whereas it is the opinion of your Board that this hardship should be removed at the earliest possible date; and,

"Whereas the ordinary income of the Central Office from membership fees will not more than meet necessary current expenditures; and,

"Whereas it is believed that more than enough funds to liquidate the debt are being raised in the treasuries of Local unions of the U. F. A. and kindred organizations;

"Therefore be it resolved that a special appeal be made to all Local unions of the Association and the U. F. W. A. and Juniors, to all District and Constituency Associations, to contribute generously from their funds and to invite donations from their members, to forthwith wipe out this obligation incurred for their benefit; and,

"Be it further resolved that the members and members at large be directly appealed to by the Central Office in the same end."

Now that Locals are again holding their regular meetings, after the long harvest season, an opportunity is afforded Local secretaries to bring this matter to the attention of the members.

RESOLUTIONS FROM BEAUVALLON LOCAL

Resolutions passed recently by the Beauvallon Local ask that long term loan departments be established, either by the Federal or Provincial Governments, repayment to be made on the amortization plan, interest not to exceed eight per cent.; that the Federal Government roads grant be used exclusively on market roads; that school trustees be paid mileage for attendance at school board meetings; that taxes on soldiers' settlement lands taken over by the Soldiers' Settlement Board or the Government shall be paid by the holders of the land; that the acreage sown to wheat should be controlled by the Government, in order to control the supply.

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION

Officers remitting money to Central Office are requested to note that all cheques should be made payable to "The United Farmers of Alberta." A considerable number of cheques, made payable to individuals, have been received, and if the individuals are not in Calgary at the time of receipt, some delay is involved.

NEW LOCAL ENCOURAGES CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

Woodville Local, though it has been in existence for less than a year, has been able to give considerable encouragement to co-operative marketing in the district. All the members are shipping their stock this fall through the local livestock shipping association and some non-members have been induced to do so as well, according to a letter from the Local president, H. N. Stearns. A few

supper recently was made the occasion of a campaign for members, when a number of new names were added to the roll.

BUILDING COMMUNITY HALL

That the U. F. A. has not lost any of its prestige in that district is the statement made by the secretary of the Broadview Local, who expects that membership will increase when winter sets in. Interesting and well-attended meetings of this Local are held regularly, and a Community Hall is being built by voluntary labor.

CONVENE JUNIOR WORK

Mrs. R. Price, of Stettler, was appointed convener of Junior work by the Red Deer Federal Constituency Association at its recent convention. The announcement was accidentally omitted from the report sent in to "The U.F.A." for publication in the December 1st issue.

Press Attacks Have Stimulated Drives

Reports Indicate Revival of Interest in Locals and District Associations—Serviceberry District Starts Vigorous Campaign

During the two weeks which have passed since the last issue of "The U. F. A." went to press, new Local and district drives have been inaugurated in various parts of the Province, and reports from these are just beginning to come in. In many districts the drives are already well under way, and definite results in increased membership are being recorded. The full force of the campaign which is being carried on locally has not yet been felt, but it is significant that the attacks upon the U. F. A. in the press, have coincided with a revival of interest in Locals and District Associations. The greatest increase in the membership of the U. F. A. took place after the decision to take political action. Reports received this week indicate that the campaign which is being carried on in the party newspapers, for the purpose of inducing the farmers who took control of their own political machinery two years ago, to abandon that control to the old party machines, is leading to a renewal of the farmers' interest in their own affairs. Secretaries of Locals and District Associations in all parts of the Province are invited to send to the editor of "The U. F. A." full particulars of what is being done.

SERVICEBERRY DISTRICT INAUGURATES DRIVE

The Serviceberry District Association is one of the branches of the U. F. A. which has determined to regain the ground lost in membership in the last two years. At their convention in Rosedale on December 10th, which was attended by delegates from the affiliated Locals in goodly numbers, plans were made for an immediate and vigorous canvass of all the territory comprised in the District Association.

After the convention had heard the reports of the president and vice-president, a helpful address on junior work

was given by Miss J. B. Kidd, U.F.W.A. secretary, who pointed out the significance of the association's name—"service" being the aim of the organization and "berry" the fruit thereof. J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., outlined the achievements and difficulties of the Provincial Government. His address was followed by a very spirited question hour in which he answered all questions to the satisfaction of the meeting. The address of William Irvine, M.P., was a valuable contribution.

A resolution urging the Premier, in view of the campaign of misrepresentation now being waged by the opposition press, to make fuller use of "The U.F.A." for the purpose of keeping the Provincial Government in closer touch with the membership of the organization, was carried, after a good deal of discussion. Another resolution suggested the raising of a fund to secure the services of Aaron Sapiro in a Wheat Pool membership drive.

The Strathmore U. F. A. Local's application for admittance into the association was accepted, and much strength to the organization is looked for from the new member. The next convention will be held at Rockyford in March.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN AT ROWLEY

The Rowley U. F. A. held a very successful meeting on Dec. 5th for the purpose of reviving the Local. After the general business of the meeting, Mr. E. J. Garland, M.P., gave an excellent address, on the banking system, and before the close of his address he told those present the importance of being loyal to their organization, and also to the Wheat Pool. After Mr. Garland's address a lunch was served and a short program given. Before the meeting closed the president asked for volunteers to canvass for members, when a number readily responded. Fifteen new members joined before the meeting adjourned.

Calgary Convention Asks Protection of Banking Deposits

Resolutions for Annual Convention Recently Received Deal With Mineral Rights, Banking, Co-operation With Labor, and Other Matters

Since the last issue went to press a considerable number of resolutions adopted by Constituency and District conventions, with a view to their endorsement at the Annual Convention of the Provincial organization in January, have been received by Central Office. Several important resolutions have been sent in by the East and West Calgary Federal Constituency Association, by the Coronation U. F. A. District Associations, by the Lac Ste. Anne District Association, and others.

Protection of Deposits

The Calgary convention called for further investigation into the Bank Act of Canada, at the forthcoming session of Parliament, the resolution on this subject being in the following terms:

"Whereas the press and the financial advisers of Canada have always led the people to believe that their deposits in the banks were fully protected by the provisions of the present Bank Act,

"And whereas, the failure of the Home Bank has revealed the fact that depositors are liable to lose all their deposits in case of the failure of any Canadian bank;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the banking and credit system be taken up by the Dominion Government at the next session of Parliament for further investigation, with a view to eliminating any danger of depositors losing any of their money."

Other resolutions adopted by the Calgary convention were as follows:

Mineral Rights Tax

"That the Mineral Rights Tax Act be amended to exclude from the operation thereof all individual owners of both surface and mineral rights who are using the land solely for farming or grazing purposes, unless it has been proved by test that the land contains minerals."

Constitutional Amendment

"That Section 10, Clause 5, of the Constitution be amended by striking out all words after the word 'overs', and inserting the following in place thereof: 'a period of one year from that date.'"

Oleomargarine

"That the Dominion members of East and West Calgary be asked to use their influence as far as possible to restrict the use of oleomargarine, that the pure food laws be amended so that the ingredients in oleomargarine shall be placed on each package.

Inheritance Tax

"Whereas a widower is not required to pay any inheritance tax on an estate established by the joint labors of himself and his wife, in the case of the wife's previous demise,

"And whereas a widow is required to pay such inheritance tax on such estates in case of previous demise of her husband,

"And whereas we regard this as an injustice to women, and a penalizing of her labors and efforts in the establishment

of a home and the maintenance thereof,

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Dominion Government be required to enact legislation to the end that a widow shall not be required to pay any inheritance tax on an estate bequeathed to her by her deceased husband until such estate exceeds \$30,000 in value."

Provincial Members

Among resolutions received from the Coronation Constituency Association, is one dealing with the responsibilities of Provincial members. It is asked that the member for the constituency support "any resolution passed by the Coronation convention and also passed by the Provincial Convention." The resolution states that it is the opinion of some Provincial members that they are responsible only to their own constituency conventions, and that this will tend to prevent unity of action.

Banking Charter

Another resolution from this association urges the Provincial Government to apply now for a charter to carry on a general banking business within the Province of Alberta.

Other resolutions recommend an amendment to the Lord's Day Act mak-

ing it allowable to thresh on Sundays, during heavy crop seasons; that as few as possible liquor distributing depots be established within the Province; that the Dominion Government re-write pre-emption contracts, extending the payments over a longer period and reducing the interest to the old rate of five per cent.

Other Resolutions

Co-operation with the Labor Party is urged by the Lac Ste. Anne Provincial Constituency Association, who will also present to the Annual Convention resolutions advocating a uniform Provincial school tax; recommending that all school lands in organized districts be subject to public sale, upon the request of sixty per cent. of the resident ratepayers; supporting the Recall, and asking that the necessary steps be taken to bring it into force; asking the Executive of the U. F. A. to approach the Federated Farm Bureau of the United States for the purpose of forming a North American Wheat Board; and requesting that a Provincial platform be drafted by two representatives from each Provincial Constituency and submitted to all Locals in the Province.

Membership Dues of Various Labor and Other Bodies

Waitresses Pay \$15 a Year to Support of Their Union; Printers \$30; Teachers \$5 Minimum

In response to requests received from readers in various parts of the Province, we publish below a statement of the dues paid to their organizations by members of labor unions and professional associations in Alberta. The highest dues are paid by the Typographical Union, which, with the possible exception of certain of the railway brotherhoods, is the strongest labor union in North America. The union has been able to obtain for its members benefits in wage rates and in working conditions, which is the opinion of the members, justify the outlay in maintaining their organization. During the past year, owing to special levies which have been made for the support of members locked out in wage disputes in Canada or the United States, members of the Typographical Union in Calgary have paid a total of approximately \$200 to the exchequer of their union.

Some of the figures given below are, as indicated, approximate only. The dues of the labor unions are for the most part paid monthly, the waitresses, for instance, paying \$1.25 per month for the support of their organization. Most of the fees of professional associations are paid annually, and the figures given do not as a rule cover all of the expenditure borne by their members. For example, many of the established retailers in the cities are members of the Retail Merchants' Association, and also of the Boards of Trade, the total fees paid be-

ing in these cases \$27.50 per annum. The same condition prevails in respect to members of other trade and professional associations.

The list is given below:

Barbers' Union	\$15.00
Typographical Union	30.00
(Includes benefits.)	
United Mine Workers of America	18.00
Railway Brotherhoods ..	15.00 to 18.00
Telegraphers' Union (about)	15.00
Railway Shopmen	15.00 to 18.00
Garment Workers' Union ..	12.00 to 15.00
(about)	
Waitresses' Union	15.00
Law Society of Alberta	25.00
(In Edmonton and Calgary.)	
In other judicial centres	20.00
Elsewhere	15.00
Architects	15.00
Retail Clerks' Association—	
Male clerks	12.00
Female clerks	5.00
(Not active in Calgary.)	
Retail Merchants' Association	12.50
Calgary Board of Trade	25.00
Rotary Club	25.00
(and assessments.)	
Alberta Teachers' Alliance	5.00
(For lowest paid teachers, and higher in proportion to salary paid.)	
Alberta, Members of College of Physicians and Surgeons	15.00
Dues to Local Medical Society	2.00

The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

U. F. W. A. RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

In addition to resolutions for the U. F. W. A. Convention already published, Buffalo Mill Local has submitted the following:

Interpretation of Clause B.

"Whereas: First, the Moderation League advertised by poster and private mail all over the Province that Clause D did not mean open saloons;

"And, second, that it did mean the cessation of bootlegging and all illegal selling of liquor;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Buffalo Mill U. F. W. A. that the laws enacted to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be made so stringent that the intention and desire of the great majority of the voters, as expressed on Nov. 14th, may be fully conformed to."

QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCILLORS AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Waskatoma U. F. W. A. has taken a special interest in qualifications of school and municipal officers. Their study has resulted in certain recommendations which they are submitting to the Annual Convention:

"Resolved that Clause 12 of the Municipal District Act (being the qualifications of Councillors) be amended so that Councillors must be able to read and write either French or English, the official languages of Canada, in addition to the qualifications at present required.

"Resolved, that the qualifications of School Trustees in the Province of Alberta be amended so that Trustees must be able to read and write either English or French, the official languages of Canada."

PREVENTION OF GAMBLING AT FAIRS

Rathwell U. F. W. A. will support the following resolution in regard to the curtailment of gambling at agricultural fairs:

"Whereas, we, the members of the Rathwell U. F. W. A., do view with much concern the increase of gambling through the midway at the Agricultural Fairs of 1934.

"Be it resolved, that on behalf of our boys and girls, we beseech those in authority to exercise a more rigid control over the granting of licenses to the said midway."

LETTER TO BOW RIVER U. F. W. A. LOCALS

The following letter is being sent to members of the U. F. W. A. in Bow River Constituency, by the Director, Mrs. E. T. Wyman:

To the Members of the U. F. W. A. in Bow River Constituency.

Dear Friends:

Some time ago, the U. F. W. A. Executive asked the writer to take the place of Mrs. Peneke, who, much to our regret, was obliged by other duties to resign as director of the Bow River Constituency.

As you doubtless know, U. F. W. A. organization work has not been pushed this year. There are two reasons for this: first, the farm women have been too busy to attend meetings even if they had been planned; and second, we have been restricted financially.

Now that the pressing work of the harvest is over, these handicaps can be largely overcome if each member in each Local will take up the work again with renewed zeal.

I am making this personal appeal then, to each member:

(1) To see that your Local is numerically and financially as strong as possible.

(2) If you know of any opportunity in your vicinity to organize a Local, see that your Local arranges the organization.

(3) Turn your attention to the Annual Convention which is to take place in Edmonton on the 15th to the 18th of January. Send in your resolutions not already sent in and make an extra effort to send all the delegates you can. We feel that this is to be one of the most important annual meetings in the history of the organization, and we want Bow River Constituency to be fully represented.

If there is any way that your director can help you, please feel free to call upon her.

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH T. WYMAN.

U. F. W. A. Director, Bow River Constituency.

WOMEN'S EXTENSION SERVICE DEMONSTRATORS

Some months ago a letter was sent out from the Women's Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture to each U. F. W. A. Local, urging them to make early application for demonstrators for millinery, cooking and sewing. The letter stated that applications for this service must be in the hands of the Women's Extension Service at an early date, in order that the club might be assured of a demonstration during 1934. Should there be any Locals desiring a demonstrator, who have neglected to make application, they should at once send their application to Miss Jessie MacMillan, Director Women's Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

U. F. A. JUNIORS LEAD CANADA

Junior U. F. A. members will be proud to know that they lead Canada in the organization of farm young people. The farmers' organizations of Manitoba, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan have favored the only organization that exists especially for farm boys and girls. In Alberta there is a larger number of Junior Locals than in any other Province and a larger number of Junior members. Also, the farmers' organization of Alberta was the first to organize Junior Branches. This fact lays upon the Junior U. F. A. a certain responsibility in maintaining an organization that justifies its existence.

It is hoped that all Junior Locals will realize that they are in training to assume the responsibility of carrying on an organization whose primary object is the promotion of co-operation in all activities. Co-operation is a word that may seem to have been overworked and in many cases have been used to designate the working together of certain persons of common interest to gain their own selfish desires, regardless of the results to others. In a certain dictionary of modern phrases, co-operation is defined as "doing what I say and doing it quick." Needless to say it is not this type of co-operation, if co-operation it can be called, to which we refer.

It is to be expected that sports and various forms of social amusement should form a large part of the work of the Junior Locals, but Junior Locals that are accomplishing the purpose for which they were organized will seriously study the organized farmers' movement in preparation for the day when they will become its leaders.

Central Office will be glad to furnish, to any Junior Local, material with regard to the U. F. A. which may be used as a basis of preparing material for the meetings. Remember, Juniors, the U. F. A. is yours just as truly as it belongs to the farmers of the Province, and you should keep always before you the fact that you will very soon be responsible for what it is and what it does.

J. B. KIDD.

MRS. E. T. WYMAN APPOINTED CONVENOR OF LAW COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Mrs. B. F. Kiser as convener of the U. F. W. A. Committee on Laws affecting women and children, the Executive appointed Mrs. E. T. Wyman, of Banff, Alberta, to continue this work. Mrs. Wyman is much interested in the legal status of women and, although handicapped by the very short time left at her disposal, will no doubt bring some valuable information to the Convention on the subject. She would very much appreciate hearing from any Locals who have taken up any phase of the question of laws as they affect the women of the Province and will welcome suggestions in regard to her report for the Annual Convention.

PARLIAMENT AND THE BANKS

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Government under the prevailing system has no moral responsibility whatever.

The real fact is that the Government of Canada is under a moral, if not indeed, a legal responsibility to provide for its citizens adequate and safe banking and credit facilities. If the Government sees fit to delegate these important and vital functions to quasi-public corporations, it cannot thus divest itself of its responsibility. Its moral duty is to safeguard the public interest in every possible way. This cannot be done by watch-like ignoring its duty. The adoption of an inspection system is not only a desirable but a necessary step in the fulfillment by the Government of its moral obligation to the Canadian people. Its failure to provide such a safeguard is a distinct violation of its duty and justifies in the minds of many people, the demand that the Government recoup the losses suffered by depositors by reason of bank failures.

In the United States the Federal banks and most State banks are subjected to Government inspection. In view of this precaution neither the Federal Government nor the State Government feel under moral obligation to recoup the losses suffered by reason of a bank failure. It cannot be safely argued that Governments in the United States are less sensitive to or less appreciative of their moral responsibilities to the public than our Federal Government.

[A second article by Mr. Shaw will be published in our next issue.]

Call to Sixteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta

Locals Preparing to Send Delegates Should Be Familiar With Information Given Below.

The official call to the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is given below. A careful study of the information given, not only by Local secretaries, but also by all members who may come to the Convention as delegates, and by the membership as a whole, will be well repaid. The Convention Call reads as follows:

December 8th, 1933.

To Officers and Members:

Call to the Convention

Please take notice of the following particulars re the coming Convention.

Date

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, and the United Farm Women of Alberta, will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1934, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp on the morning of the first day.

Place

The Convention will be held in the Great War Veterans' Memorial Hall, Edmonton.

Representation From Locals

The representation at this Convention will be one delegate for every 20 members or major portion thereof. Each Local, however, will be entitled to at least one delegate. In order to be entitled to two delegates a Local must have at least 31 members in good standing, 51 for three delegates, and so on. Each delegate must be a member of the Local appointing him. Representation can only be secured on the basis of the paid-up membership at the Central Office.

All delegates must secure from their Local secretary the official delegate's certificate issued by the Central Office. Sufficient credential cards for the delegates that your Local is entitled to, according to the Central Office records at this date, are being sent you herewith. Additional cards will be mailed on request to Locals resulting on or before December 31st sufficient dues to entitle them to more delegates.

How to Secure Reduced Railway Rates
Convention rates will be in effect on the railways, the saving effected being approximately 16 per cent. of the return fare. In order to secure these reduced rates it will be necessary to carefully follow these directions:

All delegates traveling to the Convention should secure a one-way single fare, first class railway ticket. In the event of having to travel over two lines of railway to reach the place of Convention, purchase a one-way first class ticket for each part of the journey. With every ticket purchased by a delegate or visitor a Standard Certificate must be secured from the ticket agent. If the agent has no Standard Certificate, secure a receipt in its place. These Standard Certificates must be turned in to the registration staff at Edmonton upon arrival in order to secure the benefit of the reduced Convention rates. After the Standard Certificates have been endorsed by the Provincial Secretary they entitle the holder to a return rate of one-half of the one-way fare plus a charge of 25 cents made by the Canadian Passenger

Association for validation of the Standard Certificate.

The tickets cannot be purchased under the reduced rates and the Standard Certificates secured prior to Friday, January 11th. All Standard Certificates issued on January 11th or any other time after that date up to January 17th, will be valid and accepted by the Railway Company when properly signed and endorsed. The tickets will be good for return journey up to the night of Tuesday, January 22nd.

Visitors

Visitors are also entitled to the Convention rates, but they do not participate in the pool. They should secure a one-way ticket and Standard Certificate the same as the delegates, and turn them in to the registration staff for endorsement by the Convention secretary. They will not, of course, have voting privileges, but can attend all sessions of either the men's or women's Convention so far as accommodation permits. The U. F. W. A. will hold separate meetings at the same time as the men's Convention, and in the same building.

Pool Rate

Attention of the Locals is directed to the amendment to the Constitution at the last Annual Convention. The amended Constitution necessitates the pool rate being estimated in advance. The following is an extract from Section 6, Sub-section 6 of the Constitution governing the Pool Rate:

"The railway fare of all duly qualified delegates to the Convention shall be borne equally by all the delegates, and for this purpose the Central Secretary shall estimate as nearly as possible the average railway fare in advance and advise all Locals of same, and all delegates whose round trip fares are less than this average shall be required at the time of registration to pay into the Pool the difference between their round trip fare and the average.

"Immediately the delegates are all registered the Secretary shall estimate the correct Pool Rate, and shall pay to all those whose total fare is greater than the Pool Rate the difference between the Pool Rate and the fare paid.

"In the event of the first estimated Pool Rate being greater than the correct Pool Rate, a refund of the difference between the two rates will be made to those delegates that had paid in to the Pool.

"No delegate shall be allowed part in the proceedings of the Convention until he has made complete settlement with the Convention Pool."

The Pool Rate estimate is \$18.00. At the time of registration it will be necessary for all delegates whose round trip fare is less than this amount to pay the difference into the Pool. All those whose fare is greater than this amount will receive the difference from the Pool. When all delegates are registered the actual Pool Rate will be determined and adjustment will then be made.

Our Association is governed by the Annual Convention. If there are not

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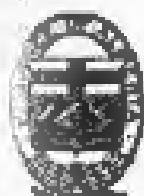
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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

The Motor Vehicle Act

The administration of the Motor Vehicle Act is under the direction of the Hon. Herbert Greenfield, Provincial Secretary of the Province of Alberta. The registration fees are as follows:

FEE FOR REGISTRATION

\$5.00 in the case of a Motor Cycle, and for any other motor vehicle according to the length of the wheel-base in inches as follows:

LENGTH OF WHEEL-BASE IN INCHES

For motor vehicles not exceeding 100 inches.....	\$15.00
Exceeding 100 ins. but not exceeding 105 ins.....	\$17.50
Exceeding 105 ins. but not exceeding 110 ins.....	\$20.00
Exceeding 110 ins. but not exceeding 115 ins.....	\$22.50
Exceeding 115 ins. but not exceeding 120 ins.....	\$25.00
Exceeding 120 ins. but not exceeding 125 ins.....	\$27.50
Exceeding 125 ins. but not exceeding 130 ins.....	\$30.00
Exceeding 130 ins. but not exceeding 135 ins.....	\$32.50
For every motor vehicle exceeding 135 inches.....	\$35.00

(The above fees include cost of one set of number plates)

NOTE: By wheel-base is meant the length in inches from centre to centre of front and rear hubs.

License plates may be obtained from the departmental offices at Calgary and Lethbridge, the Clerk of the Court at Medicine Hat, and the Legislative Buildings, Edmonton.

E. TROWERIDGE,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Macleod Discusses the Wheat Pool

Calls For Credit Inquiry at Next Session of Parliament.

The annual convention of the Macleod Federal Constituency Association was held in Macleod on December 14th, S. Lunn, of Pincher Creek, occupying the chair.

H. W. Wood, president of the U. F. A., Mrs. M. L. Sears, president of the U. F. W. A., Hon. Geo. Headley, and G. G. Cooke, M.P., were visitors to the convention who delivered addresses during the sessions. Mr. Wood discussed the work of the Wheat Pool, predicting that the one cent a bushel deduction would create a fund sufficiently large to pay all the expenses, and that the farmers would receive more for their wheat than they would have got without the Pool.

The delegates endorsed the arrangements made by the Wheat Pool management for the season's operations, and passed votes of confidence in the U.F.A. and U. F. W. A. presidents, in Premier Greenfield and his Government, "regardless of criticisms of the press", and in their Federal representative, Mr. Cooke. A vote of appreciation of the work of the retiring president, Mr. Frantzen, was also carried.

Daily Press and "The U. F. A."

One of the resolutions carried was as follows:

"Whereas, the daily press of the Province are apparently taking concerted action to discredit the present Provincial Government,

"Resolved that we urge the Alberta Government to make more extensive use of the U. F. A. paper as a medium to place before the people information regarding both the past and the present affairs of the Province."

The re-opening at the next session of Parliament of the inquiry into the banking and credit system; a change in the Constitution so that membership fees will cover one year from date of payment instead of the calendar year; the devising, by the Central Board, of a plan to standardize the wages of farm laborers; the drafting, by the Constituency Association Board, of a resolution dealing with the Medical Association; and the reform of the Senate, were advocated by resolutions passed by the convention.

Election of officers resulting in S. Lunn, of Pincher Creek, becoming president of the association for the new year, while the vice-president is W. H. Shield, M.L.A., of Macleod.

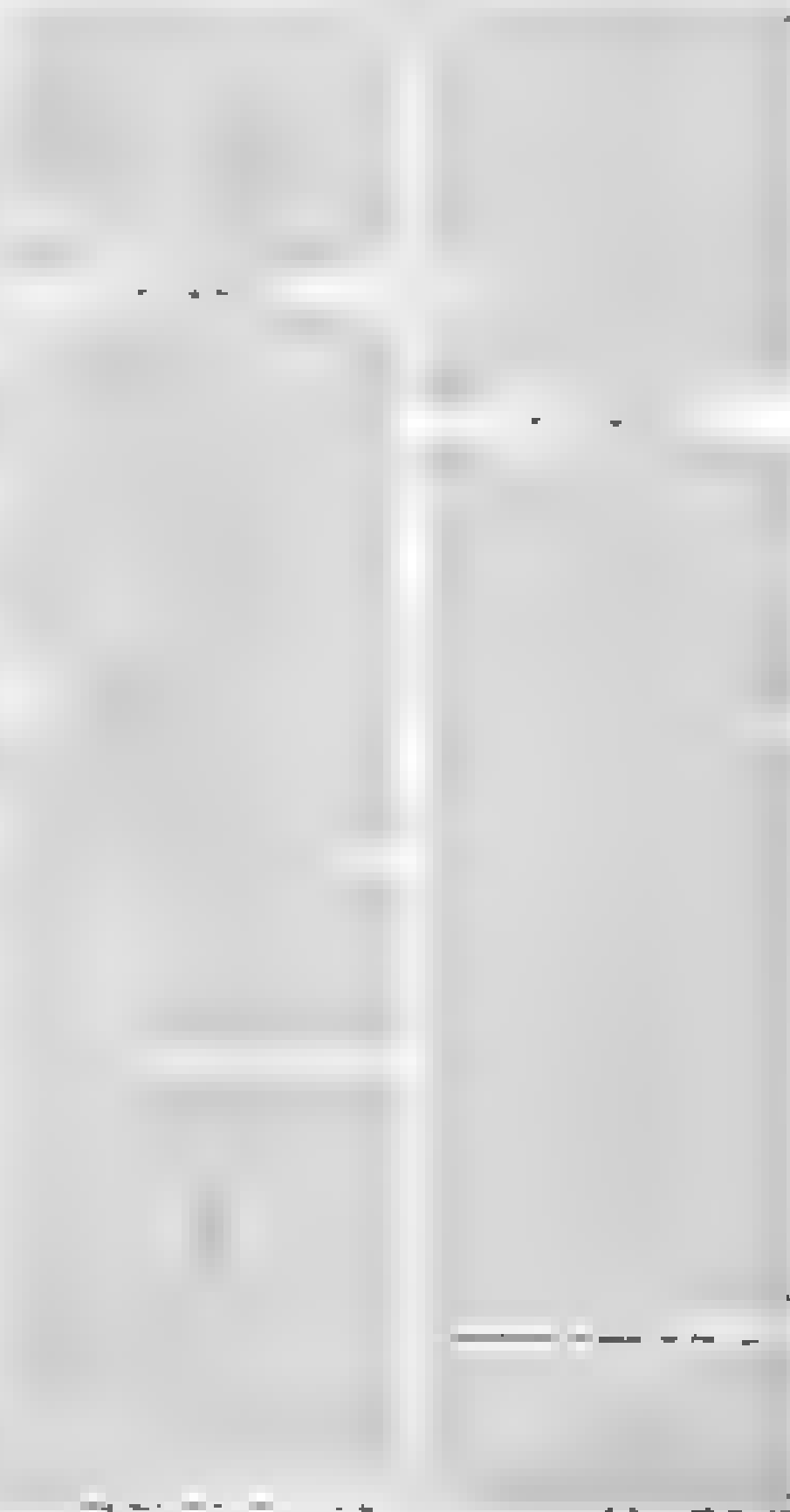
The convention decided to recommend the advisability of holding the constituency convention during the summer months.

GLEICHEN HAS "CLEAN-UP" DRIVE

Members of the Gleichen Local, at a meeting a few weeks ago, decided to carry on a "Clean-up Drive" for membership, and personally appealing to all who had not already paid their dues. Each member of the Local was allotted a certain territory to cover, and made personally responsible for it. Any person who did not wish to join the organization was asked to give reasons. The drive has been highly successful. The ladies carried on a drive simultaneously with the men.

Greenfield Discusses Provincial Problems at Calgary Convention

Mr. Greenfield, Minister of Agriculture, discussed the problems of the province at the Calgary Convention of the Canadian Association of Provincial Agricultural Organizations.



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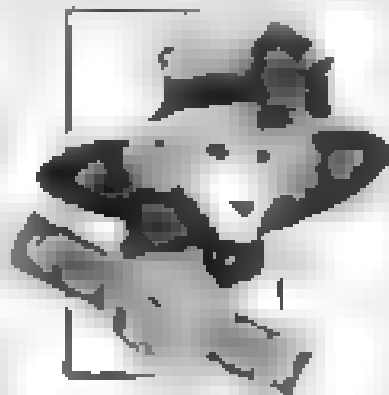
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There had been an attempt made during the free spending years to increase taxation to meet increasing liabilities. It was necessary to get down to a careful scientific study of taxation, and in that connection Mr. Reid had taken the treasury department as his sole portfolio.

Tax Recovery Act

Referring to the Tax Recovery Act, Mr. Greenfield pointed out that this was placed on the statute book by the former Government but that last year a real attempt was made to improve the act, the average time for redemption being extended from two years to two and a half years, and if land was not sold, to three and a half years. When it became evident that owing to the volume of grain it was impossible for many farmers to ship in time to pay their taxes, time was extended, as "nothing is to be gained by taking this to head of farmers who are willing but unable to pay."

The Premier reviewed action taken in the matter of the Wheat Board and of the present Wheat Pool, and also the steps taken towards securing cheaper freight rates and to prevent an increase in Vancouver harbor tolls.

President Wood, in an address to the convention, dealt with Wheat Pool matters. Referring to "the children of the U. F. A." (the Government, U. G. C. and the Wheat Pool) he said some of them might not always have acted as it was thought they should, but asked "are you going to commit suicide because of something that you think the kids have done?"

Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows:

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PRESS REPORT FALSE

To the Editor, "The U. F. A."

Appropos an article which recently appeared in a Calgary paper, stating that a meeting held at Ponsonville had asked Mr. Laurin Joly, M.L.A., to resign his seat. This article was absolutely without foundation. Mr. Joly was not asked to resign, but the gentleman (?) who proposed the motion and who otherwise disturbed the meeting, and who has been a disturbing element in every meeting or convention that he has attended, was voted a nuisance.

Apparently it is very easy to get an article of that nature into print in our leading (?) newspapers, or anything that is detrimental to the U. F. A. Though when I sent a report of our 1923 convention (which included the vote of thanks for the past and of confidence in both Mr. Simpson, M.P. (Battle River) and Mr. Joly, M.L.A.) to a leading Edmonton paper, it was not printed nor did I hear from them although I enclosed stamps.

Any one may draw his own conclusions. With your permission I would like to ask these "minders" of "public" opinion, what has become of all the sympathy and co-operation we were promised re the Wheat Pool? Also from citizens of all "ranks and classes"? Apparently they were borrowing a little chamber for the occasion or Mr. Bapiro had them under his magnetic spell.

For, Mr. Editor, the silence since that first grand and glorious outbreak of co-operation of every one and thing, that wonderful unity of our best people with the (theretofore) "wreck", has been deathlike, and rather thick.

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Andrew McMaster, M.P. for Brome,
Ont., who severed his connection with
the Liberal party during the last ses-
sion of the House, will visit Western
Canada early in the New Year, and
will address a number of meetings.
He expects to be one of the speakers
at the Annual Convention of the
United Farmers of Manitoba. Meet-
ings have been arranged tentatively
as follows: Calgary, January 3rd;
Lethbridge or Medicine Hat, January
4th; Moose Jaw, January 5th; Regina,
January 7th; Winnipeg, January 9th
(at U. F. M. Annual Convention); St.
Boniface, January 10th; Yorkton,
January 11th; Saskatoon, January
12th; Edmonton, January 14th. The
date of the Edmonton engagement is
during the week of the U. F. A. An-
nual Convention. The member for
Brome, who is recognized as one of
the ablest members of the House of
Commons, is now an independent, and
on most important issues has voted
with the Farmer members in the
House.

**Cattle Pool Gave Net
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Profit of 3.11 Per Cent. Above Appraised
Value of Cattle

Upon a total of 11,281 cattle handled
by the Cattle Pool during the period
February 15th to June 30th of the
present year a net surplus of \$13,344.74
was distributed to shippers in the seventeen
weekly pools organized under the aus-
pices of the United Grain Growers, giv-
ing a profit of 3.11 per cent over and
above the appraised value of the cattle.

This information is contained in the
Seventeenth Annual Report of the U. G.
G., presented by the president in behalf
of the Board of Directors, at the recent
annual meeting in Winnipeg.

"The quality of the winter-fed cattle",
states the report, "on the whole was ex-
ceptionally good, both stores and fats.
Several herds were handled by the Pool
that would have done credit to the feed-
ers on any market and were an illustra-
tion of what is possible in the way of
feeding cattle in this country. Buyers
in Great Britain were loud in their praise
of the quality of the winter-fed cattle
coming to market, stating they would not
wish for better cattle for finishing pur-
poses. There was keen competition be-
tween the different ports to secure ship-
ments of Canadian store cattle."

With the arrival of hot weather, it is
stated, the usual drop in the price of
beef occurred, and later, owing to bad
business conditions in Great Britain, a
further considerable drop in the market
price of finished beef occurred. Owing
to the conferring upon inspectors of auth-
ority to decide what cattle on landing
were fat and what were stores, "cattle
were sold as fats that were in a condi-
tion that could only mean a loss of money
to the shippers and damage to the repu-
tation of Canadian cattle."

The report concludes: "In spite of the
difficulties encountered, the export opera-
tions have on the whole been satisfac-
tory, and undoubtedly a benefit not only
to Pool shippers, but to the livestock
producers of this country. The removal
of the embargo undoubtedly helped to
steady prices on our Western markets
last spring. The fact that the Pool was
engaged in the export business also had
a good effect on the market prices in

general. The attacks made upon the
Pool by some of its opponents are in
themselves evidence that the Pooling
plan is the right system. Any system of
marketing that means the elimination
of the middleman is bound to draw fire."

Melba Local have begun a membership
drive which they expect will bring in a
number of new members.

Canada exported in 1922 a total of 209-
429,129 bushels of wheat. It went to 21 dis-
tinct countries. Great Britain alone took
141,199 bushels. In addition to this there
are large and growing exports of Canadian
flour.

EDITORIAL

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colored headlines, are difficult to overlook.
In the present instance no complaint is
made directly against the management of
the Canadian Press in Winnipeg. Publicity
was given to the rebuttal of the original
misleading report. But if this news agency
is to retain the confidence of the public, it
must engage in its service only such cor-
respondents as can be relied upon at all times
to furnish unbiased news. The manage-
ment is responsible for its agents, and until
absolute impartiality is assured, must ex-
pect to meet criticism—not, of course, to the
daily papers, because they own the service,
and to criticize the Canadian Press, Ltd.,
would be to criticize themselves. The daily
press, however, is not the only means by
which information may now be obtained by
the public.

The public has various grounds for com-
plaint in the fact that in times of political
excitement, when the people are most in
need of fair and accurate news, few news-
papers which are controlled by political
party interests, can be relied upon to furnish
unbiased reports in their news columns.
Those who remember the Chakras by-aber-
deen, and the election campaign of 1921,
should bear this in mind when the next real
fight begins.

"The people," said the New York Freeman
recently, "can scarcely rise above their
sources of information and interpretation,
which make and remake Governments. In
the words modern state the press is the
opium of the people."

The condemnation would be too sweeping
if applied to the whole of the daily press of
Canada, though it contains a measure of
truth. The evil, as the Freeman indicates,
lies in the sources both of "information" and
"interpretation," that is to say, in the
"news" and in the "editorial" columns. In
this sense we have dealt with a single in-
stance of the perversion of news. We could
also give many instances of fair and effec-
tive reporting. Few Canadian newspapers,
if they are given a free hand, will write bi-
ased reports, even of political events. The
trouble is that in times of political excite-
ment, leading newspapers are not always
given a free hand. A more serious evil in
Canada, however, is the unscrupulous mis-
interpretation of news in editorial columns
of certain papers from time to time,
to serve party personal interests or the
particular political or economic conditions of
the controlling forces. And of this the farmers
of Alberta, whose sources of news apart
from the daily press are limited, have had
much experience.

It is worthy of note that although the
farmers of Alberta, directly or indirectly,
provide at least three-fourths of the capital
and revenue of the daily papers of Alberta,
the providing of revenue and capital is their
side function. The papers whose power and
influence and wealth they have built up,
may be used, in any time of crisis, in an
attempt to defeat the farmers' interests, and
to destroy their organizations. In the elec-
tions of 1923 the people of Alberta showed no
disposition to allow themselves to be
"doped." They will not allow themselves
to be doped when the next testing time
comes.

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